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## EVALUATOR MANUAL TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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**Subject:**

Foster Family Homes

Capacity Determination – Clarification on how capacity requirements and regulations are applied to a minor parent and his or her child(ren) in a foster family home that serves as a whole family foster home.

**Reason for Change:**

Add Section 89228

**Filing Instructions:**

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**ARTICLE 2 ADMINISTRATIVE****89228 CAPACITY DETERMINATION****89228****(a)(3) POLICY**

A minor parent and his or her child(ren) are each counted in the licensed capacity of the home. The age(s) of a minor parent's child(ren) is not included on the license as it may affect placement and compatibility issues and the purpose of a whole family foster home is to teach a minor parent how to care for his or her child(ren).

A child(ren) of a minor parent, regardless of his or her court dependency status and the circumstances of his or her placement in the home, has the right to the protections provided by Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Foster Family Homes.

**(a)(3) PROCEDURE**

When the application review is complete, the licensing agency will issue a license for the home with a numeric capacity that includes the number of minor parents and their child(ren) permitted to be in the home. The ages(s) of a minor parent's child(ren) should not appear on the license or in the comments portion of the license.

**ARTICLE 4 PLACEMENT****89420 FIRE CLEARANCE****89420****POLICY**

Foster family homes with a capacity of six (6) or fewer ambulatory children are exempt from the state fire safety standards in Health and Safety (HS) Code section 13143(b). This statute does not exempt foster family homes serving more than six (6) children. Those homes, regardless of ambulatory status, must have an appropriate fire clearance.

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**89475 HEALTH RELATED SERVICES****89475**

(b)

**POLICY**

Online training for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid is permitted. Currently a hands-on practice component is not required; however, it is recommended that any online training that has a skills competency component, e.g. First Aid and CPR, include a hands-on practice component. The hands-on practice component would increase the confidence level of the participant and consequently augment staff's ability to perform their job duties. The hands-on practice component should be provided and overseen by an on-site instructor and address skills appropriate to the children served.